

City of Deer Park  
City Council Meeting  
Municipal Building  
June 23, 2014

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell. Mrs. Hedger motioned to excuse Ms. Newsom. Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2014 Council Meeting. Mr. Tassell seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Public Comment – Citizens and Guests – None**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Legislative and Finance Committee**

##### **May 2014 Auditor and Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Hedger stated we have the May 2014 Auditor's report and all is in balance. Mrs. Hedger made a motion to accept the May 2014 Auditor and Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Lehane.

##### **Resolution 2014-8 to adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **RESOLUTION 2014-8**. So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to move Resolution 2014-8 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading for July 14, 2014 and was seconded by Mr. Donnellon. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

##### **Income Tax Board of Review**

Mr. Tassell and Mayor Collins noted that the decision for who will be appointed to the income tax board of review is almost complete and will be announced at a future council meeting.

### **Safety Committee**

#### **Police Report**

Mr. Hall reported that Lt. Proctor's retirement reception was well attended and thanked him for his service.

Mrs. Hedger reminded all to be mindful of offers to cut grass or do odd jobs. Recently a suspect was found to be stealing lawnmowers and other property from residents and businesses.

With summer in full swing, Mr. Tassell reminded all to please continue to watch for children while out driving.

#### **Fire Report**

Mr. Lehane reported that Denny Meador Jr. was appointed as the new fire chief at the fire board meeting last week. Mr. Meador will begin as acting chief on January 1, 2015 through mid-February 2015 until Chief Newman retires.

## **Public Works Committee**

### **Blue Ash Road/OKI**

Mr. Tassell reported that the project is moving forward. We were funded over several other city projects!

### **MacNicholas Storm Water Repair Project**

Mr. Berens reported that there are no updates on storm drain project and reminded all that Instituform cannot do the repair work due to spacing limitations. Currently we are brainstorming and in contact with engineers to see what else can be done.

## **Report of Special Committees / Boards**

### **Park Board Report**

Mr. Perin reported that the first Movie in the Park was a success! The movie "Frozen" was shown which over 300 people attended!

At the July 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting the Chamberlin Park Office will be dedicated to Pat Rowekamp for all the years of service to our city.

The festival planning is under way. Sponsorship letters to businesses have been sent out. Over \$3,000 in donations have been received so far. Last year we received \$7,000 so Mr. Perin stated they hope to exceed that number.

Mr. Perin and Mr. Berens are working with Natureworks with Hamilton County to have some capital improvements done in Chamberlin Park to include repairing/extending the walkway and taking care of drainage issues. There are only grants in the amount of \$218,00 available however we will be glad to receive whatever we can.

The wiffleball tournament is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Citizen Questions or Comments on Agenda Thus Far –**

### ***Dennis Walker – 4214 Schenck Avenue***

Mr. Walker introduced himself as a new resident in Deer Park and stated he has lived here a few months. He loves living in Deer Park and moved here because he met a lot of nice people here prior to his move. Mr. Walker noted that he agrees that the Service Department needs a new dump truck as it is very old and also mentioned that the Police do a great job keeping the streets safe and that he also agrees that they need a new SUV vehicle to maintain safety.

Mr. Walker stated he does a lot of reading about our city online and on Facebook and is concerned about the negativity coming from one particular group which seems to go on and on while mentioning that complaints were made on this Deer Park Facebook page about street sweeping when it is part of the EPA requirements.

Mr. Walker expressed his concern about why so many negative comments are made about things that are positive for our city and especially the negativity that comes from those who do not even reside in the City of Deer Park.

**Correspondence (Clerk of Council) & Miscellaneous** – Mrs. Seitz read a thank you card from the Deer Park Business Association to the City of Deer Park to thank them for their support of “Bark in the Park”. The event was the most attended and successful “Bark in the Park yet!

**New Business** - None

**Reports from other City Officials**

**Treasurer** – None

**Law Director** – None

**Auditor** – Mr. Applegate noted that he received an email that the state accepted the audit.

**Safety Service Director** – None

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor Collins mentioned that volunteers are needed for the Days In The Park Festival for all three days, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Collins will be in touch very soon to ask for volunteers.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Hedger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Donnellon. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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Joseph W. Comer  
President of Council

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Joanie Perin-Seitz  
Clerk of Council